

REMARKS

This Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is being filed to add claim 21, which is a duplicate of canceled claim 3. Claims 1-18 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, claims 19-21 are submitted for examination.

Applicants respectfully request examination on the merits of these claims.

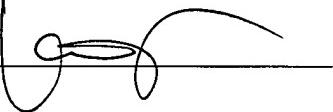
EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted

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